

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



July 12, 2004

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-47-04

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL WELFARE-TO-WORK COORDINATORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order
- ☒ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☐ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: FUNDING FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY
FAMILIES (TANF) TIMED-OUT CASES

REFERENCE: COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) No. 03/04-36

The purpose of this ACIN is to provide the counties information on funding changes for cases with an adult who has reached his or her 60-month time limit on TANF assistance.

Effective January 1, 2004, cases with an adult who reached his or her TANF 60-month time limit (Aid Code 32, TANF Timed-Out, All Families and Aid Code 3W, TANF Timed-Out, Legal Immigrant Mixed Cases) will be funded with TANF dollars. Prior to January 1, 2004, cases that were claimed to aid codes 32 and 3W were funded with State Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funds. As was the case prior to this shift in funding, counties must continue to provide California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) cash aid and welfare-to-work services to TANF-timed out cases until they reach their CalWORKs 60-month time limit or become ineligible for aid.

Federal regulations allow states to provide TANF-funded assistance beyond the TANF 60-month time limit for up to 20 percent of its caseload. The funding shift from State MOE to federal TANF funding will help the State maximize federal funding for the CalWORKs program and will eventually allow the State to implement the county hardship provisions pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code (WIC) Section 11454.6. Additional information regarding implementation of the county 20 percent hardship limit provisions will be provided at a later date.

As these aid codes are now federally funded, active CalWORKs cases claimed to aid codes 32 and 3W will have months accrue toward the TANF 60-month time limit. Therefore, the TANF 60-month time clock will restart in the Welfare Data Tracking Implementation Project (WDTIP) system for these cases beginning January 1, 2004 and it will continue until they reach their CalWORKs 60-month time limit or become ineligible for aid.

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Staff from the Health and Human Services Data Center implemented the necessary changes to accept the new aid code records from the counties on May 5, 2004. Counties that require assistance regarding the programming requirements for the aid code changes in WDTIP or any other programming requirements in WDTIP should direct their questions to their County Help Desk. The County Help Desk or other designated county resource(s) provides primary support to county WDTIP system users and is the county WDTIP system users' first stop for problem resolution and questions regarding the use of the WDTIP system. The WDTIP Help Desk is the support to the counties or county consortia and is available to assist County or consortia Help Desks in resolving problems and answering questions regarding use of the WDTIP system.

If you have any program related questions or need additional information, please contact Voltair Ignacio, Employment Bureau, at (916) 651-7463. For any technical questions regarding WDTIP, please contact your county consortia or County Help Desk.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed by
Charr Lee Metsker on 7/12/04***

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Employment and Eligibility Branch

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